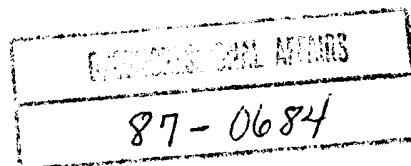


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dave Gries

FROM: Hal Ford

SUBJECT: Approach from SSCI Staffer John Despres re Bob Gates'
Up-coming Confirmation Hearings

1. Despres phoned me this afternoon explaining that (a) he has recently joined the SSCI Staff (with Senator Bradley); (b) is helping the SSCI to get "as clear a picture as possible"--for the confirmation hearings--"of what Bob Gates' active or passive role was" in relation to things Iranian; and (c) wanted my assistance re some events "to which you, Hal, were privy" about the NIC's role.

2. I told him I wasn't aware I had been privy to much of anything. He replied that what he had particularly in mind was Graham Fuller's memo and the later SNIE on Iran.

3. I confined my remarks to:

- Explaining the excellent general practice Casey and Gates have had about urging the NIOs to do creative think pieces, and that Graham's piece had been one of these.
- Explaining how these have been sent up to Casey informally, and how he has then sometimes passed copies of these pieces around town.
- Suggesting that he might wish to contact Herb Meyer, if he hasn't already, although I didn't know whether Herb could add anything.

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